

**September 9, 2021**  
**STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA**

### **MEETING**

A regular meeting of the Stellarton Police Commission was held on Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

### **PRESENT**

Acting Chairman D. MacGillivray, Comms. B. Atkinson, N. Terris, K. Mason, and S. Campbell. Also present, CAO S. Higdon, Police Chief M. Hobeck and Inspector C. Pond.

Regrets were received from Chairman B. Knight.

### **AGENDA**

Comm. N. Terris approved the agenda as presented seconded by Comm. B. Atkinson  
**Motion Carried.**

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Comm. B. Atkinson made a motion to accept the June 29, 2021 Police Commission Minutes, seconded by Comm. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

#### **a. Crosswalk Update**

CAO S. Higdon informed the Commission that one of the crosswalks that was of concern was in front of Tim Hortons. The request was for the Town to put up lights. She reported that this will be considered at budget time. The second crosswalk was at Union Street and Foord Street, and that crosswalk has been installed.

#### **b. Signage at Roundabout**

Chief M. Hobeck reported that although he agrees with Comm. B. Atkinson that signage is required in this area, the Town engineer has informed him that this is not a roadway but a driveway owned by the businesses and because it is private property, the town would not be able to erect signage in that location. Comm. D. MacGillivray suggested talking with the business owners on the matter. Chief Hobeck said he will talk with the Town Engineer again with respect to that.

#### **c. Computers**

Chief M. Hobeck reported that with vacations and high service call volume, this item was shelved for the summer months; more pro-active this month going forward. He did mention looking into getting access to ACIIS, a national database of criminal information that police have access to. He reported that our IT department said we are looking at a cost of \$20,000 to get this access.

### **MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – JULY & AUGUST 2021**

The monthly activity reports for the months of July and August 2021 were presented and reviewed.

Comm. B. Atkinson reported noticing a lot of activity over the summer months and congratulated the department on the work they are doing. Chief M. Hobeck said there was a lot to digest in the reports and the calls for service for both months were over 200;

balancing it all around vacations. He gave credit to our parttime officers and term officers for their hard work over the summer. Comm. S. Campbell noted on the high number of suspicious persons in these two months and asked the Chief to elaborate. Chief Hobeck said these types of calls could range from a call from a gas station attendant reporting a suspicious person in the store to suspicious person at a ballfield after hours, etc.

The monthly activity reports for the months of July and August 2021 were approved as presented on motion Comm. S. Campbell and seconded by Comm. N. Terris. **Motion Carried.**

### **COMMUNITY MEETING WITH RESIDENTS OF HUDSON STREET \_ AUGUST 18, 2021**

Comm. D. MacGillivray reported that he, Chief M. Hobeck, Police Commission Chairman B. Knight and Councillor G. Pentz met with a resident who had a concern about drug activity in his neighbourhood. The resident presented them with a petition that was signed by a number of residents in the area signed with similar concerns. Chief M. Hobeck reported that the meeting went well; legitimate concerns were raised. He reported that there were some results down in that area shortly thereafter (not as a result of this meeting). Comm. D. MacGillivray noted that the resident they met with called the Police Commission Chairman after the SEARCH on Hudson Street thanking the department.

### **MEDIA RELEASES**

#### **Police Seize Firearm Following Traffic Stop**

Police seized a firearm after a traffic stop on Maple Street that was initiated by our officers who recognized the vehicle as being one that was unregistered.

#### **PCISCEU Charge two with drug and firearm offense**

This was done by the Street Crime Unit based on an ongoing investigation with assistance from our patrol officers.

### **STELLARTON POLICE SERVICE STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATES**

#### **Modern Facility**

CAO S. Higdon said things are flowing but nothing new to report.

#### **Develop Volunteer Programs**

Chief Hobeck reported discussions are ongoing with the Auxiliary Program and the Youth Program. He reported that Sgt. P. Veenhuis had met with Chief H. Dunbar from the Town of Westville with respect to the Youth Program and are looking at getting that program going again this fall.

#### **Upgrade and Improve Technology**

Chief M. Hobeck reported that some computer upgrades are needed downstairs that are not compatible with some of the changes that are coming with the software being used. Comm. K. Mason reported having discussions with individuals and is hopeful that in the next day or two he will have an email with some hardware requirements for the mobile computer and associated costs and further documentation that we might be able to explore with regards to what is all included.

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**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for October 7, 2021 at 2 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Comm. B. Atkinson the meeting adjourned.

**CHAIRMAN**

**TOWN CLERK**